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SUBJECT; 26 TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY - U. S. POSITIONS

1. POSITION PAPERS FOR WHA CLEARED AS WRITTEN EXCEPT FOR
ITEM 2.2 CONCERNING 1974 PROGRAM AND BUDGET, AND ITEM 1.15
CONTRACT FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL.

2. APPROVED US POSITION FOR 74 PROGRAM AND BUDGET IS THAT
US DEL SHOULD: (A) MAKE EVERY EFFORT HAVE SECRETARIAT
ABSORB AS MUCH OF INFLATIONARY BUDGET INCREASE FROM OTHER
PORTIONS 1974 BUDGET REQUEST; (B) MAKE EVERY EFFORT
IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF FUNDS TO AVOID PASSING TOTAL
INCREASE TO MEMBERS AS INCREASED ASSESSMENTS, THEREFORE
PRESS DG TO USE 1974 TERMINAL PAYMENTS CONTRIBUTION TO
REDUCE ASSESSMENTS; (C) IDENTIFY IN COMMITTEE B FURTHER
WAYS TO REDUCE IMPACT OF CURRENCY REALIGNMENTS. IN
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MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM; (D) IN VIEW OF US DEL
EFFORTS IN (B) AND (C) DEPT CANNOT GIVE A DEFINITIVE
POSITION UNTIL RESULTS OF EFFORTS KNOWN TO REDUCE ASSESS-
MENTS AGAINST MEMBERS DUE TO REVALUATION.

3. IN POSITION PAPER ON DG' S CONTRACT CHANGE PARA
NUMBERED 3 US POSITION TO READ: WE CAN SUPPORT CONTRACT
PROVISION FOR SALARY AND REPRESENTATIVITY OCCURRED THAT EVEN
TEMPORARY QUARTERS COULD
NOT BE FOUND BY OCTOBER, THE BDG MIGHT IN ITS OWN INTEREST
ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THE LANDLORD TO EXTEND THE LEASE ON A
MONTH- TO- MONTH BASIS. GRESHAM POINTED OUT THIS WAS INDEED
A CLARIFICATION OF A MOST SIGNIFICANT KIND; THAT THE CON-
STRUCTION OF A NEW BUILDING WOULD TAKE AT LEAST A YEAR
UNDER OPTIMUM CONDITIONS; AND THAT PERHAPS THE SIMPLEST
SOLUTION TO BOTH ISSUES WOULD BE TO PAY THE COMPENSATION
IN CASH AND LET THE USG USE THE MONEY TO FIND ITS OWN NEW
USIS QUARTERS AND IF NECESSARY BUILD ON TO THEM. HE
ADDED THAT HE WAS DEPARTING BANGLADESH MAY 25 AND URGED
THAT THE COMPENSATION BE SETTLED BEFORE THEN, ENABLING
HIM TO CONSULT DECISIVELY ON THE QUESTION OF NEW CON-
STRUCTION OR RELOCATION WITH HIS SUPERIORS IN WASHINGTON.

3. IN MEANTIME JAS AND USIS EXECUTIVE OFFICE ARE REDOUBLING
THEIR EFFORTS TO FIND A SUITABLE RELOCATION BEFORE THE
BDG COMES UP WITH WHAT MIGHT BE AN UNACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE;
I CONCUR THAT IN VIEW OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS COMPENSATION
IN CASH MIGHT NOW BE THE MOST CONVENIENT SETTLEMENT AND
WOULD PREVENT HAGGLING OVER RELOCATION SITES AND WHETHER
A VALUE EQUIVALENT TO THE AMOUNT DUE USG IS TRULY REPRESENTED
BY THE SITE, ITS RENTAL VALUE, ETC. HOWEVER WE
WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED HOW A CASH SETTLEMENT
WOULD BE DISPOSED OF: WOULD THE CHECK BE RETURNABLE TO
THE DEPARTMENT, USIA, THE TREASURY, OR RETAINED BY USIS
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